THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No:16976 of 2007

DATED:09-08-2007

BETWEEN:

Officers Club Bowinpally,
Rep., by its Managing Director,
S.Lakshman Kumar,
P.G.Road,
Secunderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Commissioner of Police,
Hyderabad & 4 others.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents.

2. Petitioner seeks a writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner club in conducting game of runmy bridge in its card room as illegal, arbitrary, and to direct the respondents not to interfere or obstruct with the lawful activities of the petitioner club in conducting rummy and bridge in its card room.

3. The subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in ***TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB), JUBILEE HILLS, HYDERABAD v. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, A.P., HYDERABAD AND OTHERS***[1] wherein the order of the learned single Judge, dated 11.6.2002, is clarified.

4. Following the same, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction that the police authorities cannot obstruct the petitioner-Club from conducting card room where the members and guests of the petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of

rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). At the same time, it is made clear that the police are always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the Club is conducting card room where the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game) for the purpose of verification. If they receive any intimation, the police may enter the club and verify the same and proceed further if the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center play other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). The police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered.

5. Accordingly writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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V. ESWARAIAH,J

09th August, 2007
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[1] 2002(5) ALT 805 (D.B.)